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Meeting at Larkhapells

March 9th 1844.

The Citizens of Champoeg District having met at the House of Mr Larkhapells in accordance with the Proclamation of the Executive Committee, the meeting was called to order by one of the Ex. Committee, and the Proclamation was read. Upon the suggestion of the Executive it was moved that W.H. Wilson be Chairman of this meeting and Mr W.J. Keizer, Secretary. The object of the meeting was briefly explained by Mr R. Beers, and the Chairman.

Information was called for, concerning the depredations committed at the Willamette Falls on the 4th inst.

Mr Beers presented an official letter from Dr Hill Esqr, one of the Executive Committee which was read.

Statements were made by Mr Garrison, respecting Account received from other Sources, and a letter was presented by the U.S. Ind. Agt from A.L. Lovejoy Esqr respecting the affair of the 4th inst. which was read

Statements were made by Executive Committee Concerning the steps they had taken, and the Orders they had issued

On motion, the U.S. Ind. Agt. was requested to give his views and advice on the subject——

He accordingly related his proceedings in reference to the matter — Said, he was unprepared to give advice, or suggest what was best to be done in the present case — he was fully

aware of the defenceless state of the Colony, and of the dangers to which we were exposed — he knew the character of the Indian that was killed, to be of the vilest kind — he had threatened and attempted the lives of Citizens before, and he had made an unsuccessful attempt to take him and have him punished by the Cayuse, to avoid the danger and difficulty of that might result from the whites pursuing him themselves. The Indians had attempted to enlist the Indians at the Falls, to burn the town, and failing, he returned across the river and the Citizens attempted, peaceably, to take him — in the affray, three whites were wounded and one Indian, killed.

The Agent thought a more efficient organization of the Territory necessary.

Some remarks were made by W. H. Grey, and a resolution offered, as follows.

"Resolved — That in view of the facts presented, we deem it expedient to organize a Volunteer Company of mounted riflemen, to co-operate with other companies, to bring to justice all the Indians, engaged in the affair of the 6th Inst. and to protect our lives and property, in future, against any depredations that may be attempted." which was carried unanimously — whereupon, W. H. Grey presented some articles of Compact, as the basis of an organization of a Volunteer Company — which on motion, and warm expressions of approbation from the U.S. Sub. Ind. Agt. were adopted, and immediately subscribed to, by

nineteen Volunteers.
The Articles allowing the Company to elect a Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, as soon as twelve men should be enlisted, the Company proceeded to Elect by nomination their Officers, to wit; for Capt, ~~D. D.~~ D. Heizer; 1st Lieut. A. L. Morrison; Ensign, —— Cason.
The Captain gave notice to the Company of his acceptance of the appointment, and that the Co. would meet at the Oregon Institute, armed and Equipped according to the Article of Compact, on the 11th of the present month, for Company drill.
On Motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, (to wit;

Resolved — That this meeting recommend to our fellow citizens of this Territory to organize Volenteer Companies, in their respective districts, forthwith, and to rendezvous at the Oregon Institute, on Saturday, the 23d inst, at 12 O'clock. M.,
Moved that the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and as much of them as is deemed proper, be transmitted to the other districts — Carried

On Motion adjourned.

Wm H. Wilson
Chairman

~~D.~~ D. Heizer.
Secretary